



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, it is critical to develop a home fire escape plan, find two ways out of each room in the house, define an outside meeting place, and practice with fire drills twice a year with every member of the household so that each member can be better prepared for a potential fire; and

WHEREAS, cooking equipment is involved in more than 100,000 reported home fires each year and most of those fires start from unattended cooking; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 2006 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat!", effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions such as keeping watch over cooking food at all times, we can take to stay safer from fire year-round; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee and all of its fire departments are committed to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

WHEREAS, the members of all local services are joined by concerned citizens of Tennessee, emergency service providers, safety advocates, businesses, schools, service clubs, and organizations in their fire safety efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2006, as

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 15th day of September, 2006.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bredesen".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Riley E. Bevell".

Secretary of State

